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Eric Fishman, Esquire Holland & Knight LLP 2099 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Ste 100 Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Fishman:

The Pleading which you filed on behalf of SBC Telecom, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a/ SBC Long Distance, Inc. has been duly received and assigned Docket No. 2004-359-C. Please check the enclosed Notice of Filing for accuracy.

In order to proceed with the processing of this Docket, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

Publish, at your own expense, on or before March 21, 2005, the enclosed Notice, in newspapers of general circulation, in the affected areas, one time and provide the undersigned Proof of Publication on or before April 4, 2005.

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the **DISMISSAL** of your pleading.

In the meantime, should you require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

**Docketing Department** 

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# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

## NOTICE OF FILING

### DOCKET NO. 2004-359-C

Pursuant to South Carolina Code Annotated Section 58-9-310 and the regulations of the Public Service Commission (the Commission) SBC Telecom, Inc. (SBCT or Assignor) and its affiliate Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SBC Long Distance (SBCLD or Assignee) filed a Joint Petition (Petition) with the Commission for consent to and approval of the assignment of SBCT's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange and interexchange services from SBCT to SBCLD as part of a corporate reorganization whereby direct ownership of SBCLD will transfer from SBC Communications, Inc. (SBC) to SBCT, all SBCT assets will be transferred to SBCLD, and SBCT will cease operations. Additionally, SBCLD requests approval, to the extent such approval is required, to convert to a limited liability company to be known as SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a SBC Long Distance. SBCT was issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Commission on May 23, 2000, to provide interexchange and local exchange telecommunications in Order No. 2000-446 (Docket No. 2000-44-C). SBCLD was issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity by the Commission on January 26, 1998, to provide resold interexchange telecommunications service in Order No. 1998-45 (Docket No. 1997-313-C) and was issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications service on June 30, 2004, in Order No. 2004-228 (Docket No. 2003-361-C). The Petition also requests, among other things, that the Commission consent to and approve the assignment to SBCLD of SBCT's interconnection agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and consent and approval by the Commission of the transfer to and adoption by SBCLD of SBCT's current filed tariffs. The Petition also requests that the Commission require the submission to the Commission of a revised SBCLD tariff reflecting SBCLD's name change.

A copy of the application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210; and is available from Eric Fishman, Esquire, Holland & Knight LLP, 2099 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Ste 100, Washington, DC 20006.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **April 4, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No.* 2004-359-C.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below and Eric Fishman, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **April 4, 2005** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No.* 2004-359-C.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **April 4, 2005**. *Please refer to Docket No.* 2004-359-C.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5113.

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